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Town of Tiverton



Economic Development Commission

343 Highland Road, Tiverton Rhode Island 02878

MEETING MINUTES

ORGANIZATION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

DATE AND TIME: October 9, 2014 @ 6:00PM

LOCATION: TIVERTON TOWN HALL
343 HIGHLAND ROAD
TIVERTON, RI 02878

The meeting was called to order by Scott Humphrey at 6:00PM.

Members present in addition to S. Humphrey were Susan Gill and Jonathan Cottrell. Member Melissa Hutchinson was absent. Also in attendance was Jay Massa representing the Newport County Chamber of Commerce. School Committee Chair Sally Black and Town Councilor Brett Pelletier were present in the audience.

Item #1: Minutes

Ms. Gill made a motion to approve the September minutes. Mr. Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Humphrey, Mr. Cottrell and Ms. Gill voted in favor of the motion.

Item #2: Town Meeting updates

Harbor Commission- Ms. Gill stated the Harbor Commission was working on their fee schedule and mooring ordinance. The wait list system for moorings was under review.

Town Council- Mr. Pelletier noted that there had been discussion held regarding the future of the gas station at Stone Bridge. Mr. Cottrell recommended that the Town should look into the use of "Cleavis" systems for bathroom facilities. He noted that they are self-contained and permitted by RIDEM.

Recreation Commission- Ms. Gill stated that the lower soccer fields at Town Farm were being worked on and that the Commission was working on its goals and policies. She added that work was continuing on a grant application for a new soccer complex.

Planning Board- Ms. Gill noted that the next Tiverton Crossings meeting was scheduled for October 21. She stated that the petition regarding a proposed shooting range was continued and that the Board had discussed the Earth Removal Ordinance and quarries.

Waste Water- Mr. Cottrell stated that the District was currently at a standstill due to a bonding issue.

Zoning- There was no report.

Four Corners Merchant Group- Ms. Gill stated that she had not attended the meeting, but that there was a memorial service upcoming for Jim Weir. Mr. Humphrey noted that Mr. Weir had been very supportive of commerce and had worked very hard to preserve the historical elements at Four Corners.

Item #3: Program of Work 2014

Ms. Gill stated that the Program was basically complete, with some minor reformatting required. Ms. Gill stated that Ms. Hutchinson was working on the formatting.

Item #4: Comprehensive Plan Action Committee

Mr. Humphrey stated that a meeting was scheduled for October 16 at 6:30 PM.

Item #5: Board / commission vacating seats

The list of seats had been received and would be reviewed. It was noted that there was a vacant EDC seat.

Item #6: EDC Facebook

Ms. Hutchinson was not present. Ms. Gill stated that she had met with Ms. Hutchinson to review changes to the EDC website.

At this point, Ms. Michaud left the meeting. Recording of minutes continued at 6:50 PM by member Susan Gill.

Item #7: Tiverton Crossing

S. Gill will not participate in the discussion. S. Humphrey led the discussion commenting on the location of the property as a valuable asset to the Town. It would assist with property tax stability. He opined that the project needs to be in agreement with the Comprehensive Plan, discussion followed.

Item #8: Date to update our Council needed

S. Humphrey commented that the State is showing interest in the Business Park as a marketable property.

Item #9: Tiverton Business Collaboration

S. Humphrey opined that an LLC and executive board had been formed, although no meetings have been held for the past four months. Discussion by the group followed how the EDC can support the group but allow it to be an independent entity. Kristen Silveira is the president of the organization; she will be contacted by S. Humphrey about the future of the Collaborative.

Item #10: Next meeting and adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for November 13, 2014 at 6:00pm.

J. Cottrell made a motion to adjourn, second by S. Gill, vote unanimous to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Submitted by: Kate Michaud & Susan Gill

Approval Date: _____draft_____